

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7979–S8016*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2223–2228, and S. Res. 359–360. **Page S8006**

**Ho Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, post-cloture. **Page S8003**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 316), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8002–03**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 14, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S8009**

**West Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Owen West, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; that there be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S8003**

**Compton Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; that there be 120 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S8003**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 315), Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S7981–S8002, S8016**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—316) **Pages S8002, S8003**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine safeguarding American agriculture in a globalized world, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Chair, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Bio-defense; R. D. Meckes, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services State Veterinarian, Raleigh; Richard B. Myers, Kansas State University, Manhattan; and Raymond Hamerschmidt, Michigan State University, East Lansing.